

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3-10, 21-28 and 31 are pending, with Claim 1 amended and Claims 34-36 canceled by the present amendment.

In the Official Action, Claims 1, 3-10, 21-28 and 31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph; Claims 1, 3-10, 21-28 and 31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph; Claim 34 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Ho (U.S. Patent No. 5,909,207); Claims 35 and 36 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over Ho in view of Applicants' admitted prior art; Claims 11-20, 29, 30, 32 and 33 were allowed; and Claims 1, 3-10, 21-28 and 31 were indicated as containing allowable subject matter.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter.

The specification is amended as suggested in paragraphs 4, 5 and 6 of the Official Action. No new matter is added. Thus, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, is overcome.

Claim 1 is amended as suggested in paragraphs 8 and 9 of the Official Action. No new matter is added. Thus, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, is overcome.

Claims 34-36 are canceled without traverse or disclaimer. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the subject matter of Claims 34-36.

Accordingly, in view of the present amendment and in light of the previous discussion, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and respectfully request an early and favorable action to that effect.

Respectfully submitted,

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